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E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: EFIN, EAID

SUBJECT: CARIBBEAN GROUP: PREPARATIONS FOR JUNE 19 MEETING

REFS: (A) PARIS 16280, (B) PARIS 15743

1. WE ARE NOW COMPLETING OUR PREPARATIONS FOR THE FIRST  
MEETING OF THE CARIBBEAN GROUP FOR COOPERATION AND ECONOMIC  
DEVELOPMENT WHICH CONTINUES TO BE SCHEDULED FOR JUNE 19-  
24 AT WASHINGTON IN THE WORLD BANK. OVER THE PAST SEVERAL  
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WORLD BANK AND AGREED TO BY THE VARIOUS SUBGROUPS, AND ALSO ON OTHER DONORS MEETING THE REMAINDER OF THE \$125 MILLION FINANCING REQUIREMENT IDENTIFIED BY THE WORLD BANK.

2. WHILE NO OTHER GOVERNMENTS CAME TO THE PARIS MEETING PREPARED TO MAKE CONCRETE PLEDGES WE WERE ENCOURAGED BY THE TONE AND SPIRIT OF THE MEETING AND IT WAS AGREED AT PARIS THAT THE OUTLOOK WAS SUFFICIENTLY GOOD THAT THE BANK

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FOLLOWING REPEAT STATE 148142 ACTION BRIDGETOWN, GEORGETOWN,  
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